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UPDATE

UNTIMELY DEATH INVESTIGATION

On Saturday 06/04/05 at approximately 4:05 p.m. the Hamden Police Department received a 911 call reporting that a hiker at Sleeping Giant State Park has discovered what appeared to be human remains in the park. Hamden Police responded and confirmed the discovery and made presumption of death. The scene was secured and the State Police was notified. State Troopers responded to and secured the scene.

The State Police Major Crime Squad also responded to Sleeping Giant State Park to initiate an investigation into the death. The deceased male was located off Mount Carmel Trail in the park. State Police detectives processed the scene and gathered physical evidence. The deceased was tentatively identified and family members were notified.

The Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiner conducted a post mortem examination of the deceased male. The cause of death was determined to be multiple blunt traumatic injuries.

The death has been ruled a suicide.

The deceased has been identified as Lawrence Nicholls DOB: 08/09/64 LKA 5 North Ave North Haven Connecticut.

The investigation into this matter has been completed. The case is closed.

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